

RE: Towards Healing

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Thank you for the information and very quick response.

I have a further query. As the abuse occurred in NSW must I report this to NSW Police.?

The Priest was Fr Paul Rex Brown, he died in 2005. I did not want to go down a criminal conviction pathway because he is deceased- but of course I will do that if required. I am angry at the breach of the church for knowing that it occurred and covered it up.

I will prepare a letter as requested and send to you.

Thank you again

Kind regards

Jennifer

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Jennifer,

I want to point out to you the Church's position in these matters is that victims should take the matter to Police. I would urge you to do that. The Church can offer support to you if you choose to do that. If you choose not to go to Police, I will be obliged under Towards Healing to pass relevant details of your complaint (but not your name or contact details) to Police. The Church's expressed position is that it discloses these details voluntarily to Police. You do not need to prepare a "report" for me. All you need to do is send me a signed letter stating that you want to make a complaint that you were sexually abused as a child by the Father Brown you mention. I will need in the letter to know his full name (if known to you) and the dates when and the places where the abuse took place. You should also include your full name at the time of the abuse and your date of birth. You should let me know your residential address and a mailing address (if different). On receipt of the letter, I will appoint a Contact Person who will meet with you and assist you with the preparation of a Contact Report. My mailing address to which you should address the letter is GPO Box 3264 Brisbane ,Q, 4001.

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Good afternoon Mr Mullins

First of all I would like to **thank you** for your compassion and the way you explained the process of Towards Healing when I spoke with you a few weeks ago. That made the phone call so much easier. It was a nervous call to make. Having as much detail and knowledge is very important to me.

I mentioned that a recent contact from a relative started me thinking about doing what I need to do (a stirring tiger). She gave me newspaper articles and information about media activity relating to a priest who sexually abused me in my teens. I had not thought prior this to pursue any action against the church. I was never emotionally ready. But now I know I am strongreally strong. I am also really angry and have held this anger for a very long time. I turn 50 next month. I have had to work really hard to be strong.

I needed to be sure, after I spoke with you and processed the information from you, that I was ready to work with with you and Towards Healing. I met with my psychologist almost 2 weeks ago. He treated me in the early 90,s for Bulimia of which I excrutatingly suffered for 14 years. It was at that time I divulged the horrid years of my 'black secret' of sexual abuse. He has since treated me for a non related matter. He knows me well and he believes I am strong and has acknowledged my need for CLOSURE. He has offered to provide information if required.

I now want to add my name to the list of those abused by a senior priest in the church, but MOST OF ALL what to express my anger for the manner the then leaders of the church personally swept this knowlegde under the table. I ABSOLUTELY DESERVE that apology and so much more.

I have the total support of my my daughters father. He is still a very dear friend. He attended at the meeting in the early ninties when we met with the then Bishop and another priest to tell them of my abuse. Fr Mulchay cried....no sobbed...and said he already knew. After this meeting there was no further communication
My daughter is 24. When she was 4 I attempted to return to the church for her benefit. I struggled badly with this. I met with a senior Priest at Dutton Park Catholic Head office for guidance. I Told him of my abuse and struggle. He was compassionate, but there was no further communication.

Not long before my Father passed away in 2008 I met with a local priest. I wanted to make piece with the church for my Dad's sake. I told him of my abuse and struggle withthe church, (I had a friend with me). He just got really angry. I left and had not further communication.

I have a long story of emotional pain and self loathing. It absolutely stems from Fr Brown's abuse of me. THIS IS THE TRUTH.(when I told my daughter's dad I was going to do a report for Toward Healing he said that the HORRID recovery process from the sexual abuse cost our marriage and the opportunity for a 3 year old daughter to grow up in a house with a mother and father.....)

Mr Mullins I am prepared to expose everything, EVERYTHING. I have full support from my Brilliant husband, My adorable daughter, my sibblings)

I will put together a "report " for you. I am wanting to action this ASAP

Thank you for your offer of assistance for when I am putting the report together

Kind regards

Jennifer Ingham

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